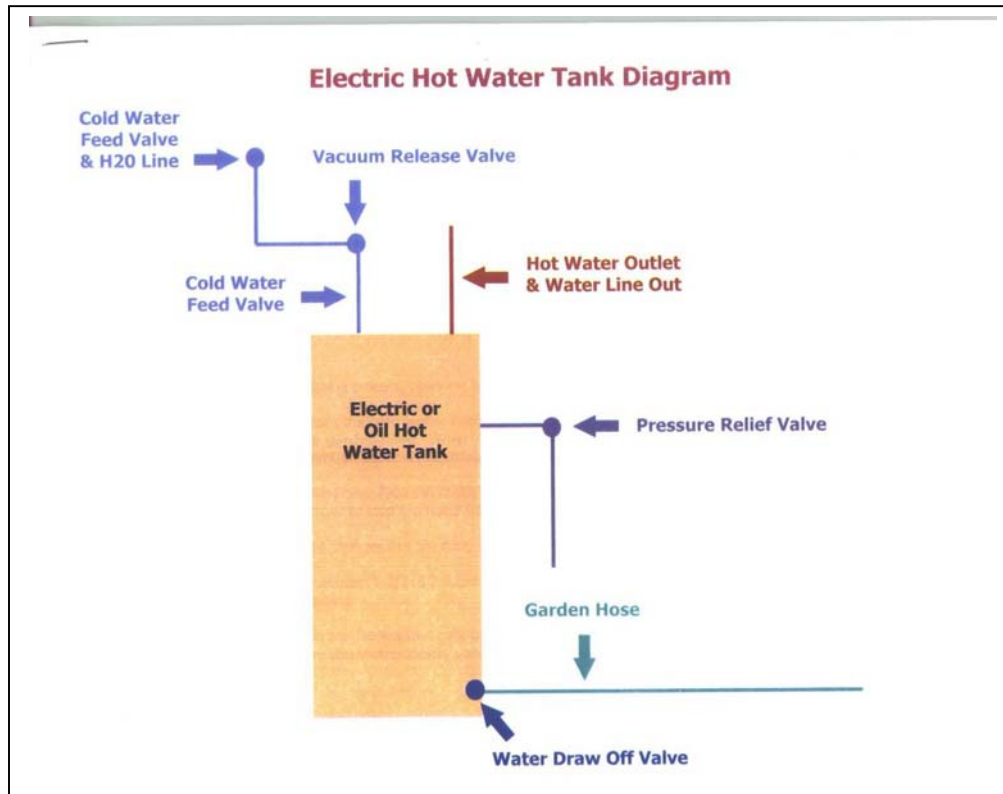


Electric (or Oil)Hot Water Tank Flushing

(It takes about 1 ½ to 2 hours to complete flushing and 1 hour for the water temperature to become suitable for use.)



For draining directly outdoors with no elevation difference:

- 1) Locate the electrical circuit breaker or the fuse box and remove the fuse or flip the breaker. For oil tanks, you may need to locate the red wall switch and flip it off or find the breaker or fuse box
- 2) Turn the cold water feed valve off. The tank should not receive any new water.
- 3) Connect a garden hose to the water draw off valve. Run the hose outside. Place the hose where the water can drain safely (ex. grass, sloped pavement, catch basin, etc). Remember, the water is very HOT!
- 4) Open the water draw off valve fully (turn the valve all the way to the left). The tank will begin to drain. Let it drain completely. To speed up the draining process, open the hot water faucet in your bathroom sink.
- 5) When the tank is empty, turn the cold water feed valve back on and let the tank begin to fill while continuing to allow the water to drain through the garden hose. When the fresh water hits the bottom of the tank it will lift any remaining sediment and force it to flush out through the hose, resulting in a complete flush.
- 6) When the draining water runs clear (check by filling a white cup with water), turn the water draw off valve off (crimp the hose to stop the water from draining back in and remove the hose).
- 7) Dry your hands thoroughly and then replace the fuse or turn the breaker back on.

For draining up stairs or through a window:

- 1) Locate the electrical circuit breaker or the fuse box and remove the fuse or flip the breaker. For oil tanks, you may need to locate the red wall switch and flip it off or find the breaker or fuse box.
- 2) Leave the cold water feed valve on. The tank will need the incoming water to help flush the discolored water up and out through the elevated garden hose.
- 3) Connect a garden hose to the water draw off valve. Run the hose up your stairs or up and out through the window. The hose should be placed so that the water can safely drain (ex. grass, sloped pavement, catch basin, etc.) Remember – the water is very HOT!
- 4) Open the water draw off valve fully (turn the valve all the way to the left.). The tank will begin to drain.
- 5) Once the draining water runs clear (check by filling a white cup with the water), turn the water draw off valve off. Crimp the hose to stop the water from draining back in, and remove the hose.
- 6) Dry your hands thoroughly, then replace the fuse or turn the breaker back on.